

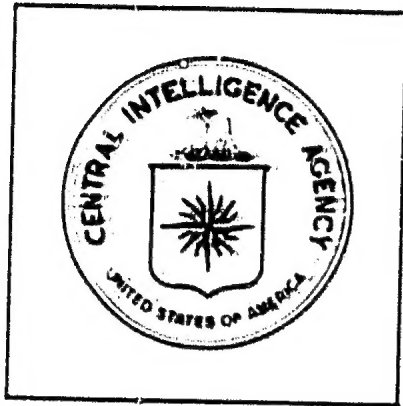
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US Congressmen Get the Party Line

Wearing his Supreme Soviet hat, Politburo candidate member Boris Ponomarev on Monday gave the opening speech to a visiting US House of Representatives delegation headed by Speaker Carl Albert. Ponomarev broke no new ground. His remarks indicate, however--as they did with the senatorial group in early July--that the Soviets will politick hard with those whose role in foreign policy, in Ponomarev's words, "has lately become most meaningful."

Ponomarev spoke positively about US-Soviet ties and said Brezhnev's forthcoming trip to the US would "no doubt" be a major milestone in bilateral relations. The Vladivostok agreement, he asserted, is of "cardinal importance" in ensuring "long-time" limitation of strategic offensive weapons and in pointing toward future reductions.

Picking up the current Soviet refrain that political detente must be complemented by an easing of military tension, Ponomarev spoke frequently of security matters. He complained of growing military budgets in the US and suggested that Congress should reverse that trend. He also called for preparatory work toward a world disarmament conference, another of Moscow's efforts to breathe new life into that perennial Soviet proposal.

Ponomarev mentioned the political importance of establishing economic relations on a nondiscriminatory basis, without interference in internal affairs. The congressmen will hear more about this, as they will about Ponomarev's assertion that, contrary to the alarms of "certain circles," it is not only the USSR that benefits from detente.

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CHRONOLOGY

August 6

Polish Minister of Defense Jaruzelski arrives in Moscow to begin a vacation in the USSR. [REDACTED]

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Soviet Fisheries Minister A. A. Ishkov confers in Leningrad with Japanese Agriculture-Forestry Minister Shintaro Abe. Tushima Bay is not mentioned. [REDACTED]

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Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi addresses greetings to the Indian-Soviet Cultural Society, which is celebrating the fourth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of peace, friendship, and cooperation between the USSR and India on August 9. [REDACTED]

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The Soviets and the Iranians agree on Soviet aid to electrify the 146-kilometer Jolfa-Trabiz railway line. [REDACTED]

August 7

A US congressional delegation, led by Speaker Carl Albert, arrives in Leningrad. [REDACTED]

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US industrialist Cyrus Eaton, Jr., in Budapest on official business, meets with Hungarian foreign trade officials. [REDACTED]

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East Germany establishes diplomatic relations with the Cape Verde Islands. [REDACTED]

August 7-8

Soviet party secretaries Kirilenko and Ponomarev meet with Italian Communist party officials in Moscow. [REDACTED]

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August 8

Czechoslovak Defense Minister Dzur  
arrives in Moscow for a vacation. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Mongolian party leader Tsedenbal begins  
a vacation in the USSR. [REDACTED]

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August 9

Soviet composer Dmitry Shostakovich  
dies in Moscow after a long heart  
illness. [REDACTED]

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August 10

Brezhnev meets with Czechoslovak  
leader Husak in the Crimea. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Five members of the visiting US con-  
gressional delegation meet with Soviet  
Jewish activists in a Moscow hotel  
lobby. [REDACTED]

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August 11

Iranian Prime Minister Hoveyda begins  
a three-day official visit to Romania.  
[REDACTED]

US congressional delegation meets with  
Soviet Party Secretary Ponomarev. [REDACTED]

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Mexican Foreign Minister Rabasa arrives  
in Moscow on an official visit. [REDACTED]

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Kosygin holds talks with Polish Premier  
Piotr Jaroszewicz in Warsaw. [REDACTED]

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Soviet Premier Kosygin arrives in  
Poland, presumably for economic talks. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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August 11 Candidate Politburo member and party secretary Boris Ponomarev receives the US congressional delegation and delivers a speech on Soviet foreign policy. [REDACTED]

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August 12 Bengali Foreign Minister Dr. Kamal Hussain begins a four-day visit to Yugoslavia. [REDACTED]

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FUTURE EVENTS

[REDACTED]

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mid-August King Husayn of Jordan to make a state visit to the USSR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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September 30 FRG CDU leader Helmut Kohl to visit Moscow at the invitation of the Supreme Soviet. [REDACTED]

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September Bulgarian Foreign Minister Mladenov to visit Turkey. [REDACTED]

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late September West German Foreign Minister Genscher to visit Moscow. [REDACTED]

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October 11 French President Giscard d'Estaing to begin a four-day visit to Romania. [REDACTED]

October 14 French President Giscard d'Estaing to begin a five-day visit to Moscow. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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